

CLAIMS

1-11. (Withdrawn from consideration)

12. (Currently Amended) A ~~homogenised starch-containing mass~~, ~~containing preferably comprising~~ at least 45% by weight of an amorphous starch ~~with an amylopectine content of greater or equal to 50% by weight with respect to the weight of the starch in water-free condition,~~ water, and at least one organic softener in at least 12% by weight with respect to the weight of the water-free starch, wherein the mass is a homogenised mass having a the limiting viscosity index of the homogenised mass is at least 40 ml/g, and wherein the starch has an amylopectin content of greater or equal 50% by weight with respect to the weight of the starch in water-free condition and is obtainable from native or chemically-modified starch.

13. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 12, wherein the mass additionally contains a lubricant and releasing agent which is selected from the group consisting of lecithins, monoglycerides, diglycerides, and triglycerides, in particular glycerine monostearate, polyglycerine esters of nutrient fatty acids, polyethylene esters of nutrient fatty acids, sugar esters of nutrient fatty acids and nutrient fatty acids.

14. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 12, wherein the softener is selected from the group consisting of

polyalcohols, in particular glycerine, organic acids, hydroxy acids, amines, acid amides and sulphoxides, pyrrolidones.

15. (Previously Amended) A homogenised mass according to claim 13, wherein the mass contains glycerine monostearate and lecithin in a weight ratio of 1:1.5.

16. (Currently Amended) A homogenised mass according to claim 12, wherein the mass additionally contains an aggregate in a weight range of 3.5% by weight to 15% by weight with respect to the total weight of the mass, wherein the aggregate is selected from the group consisting of carbonates, ~~and/or~~ hydrogen carbonates of alkali ~~and/or~~ earth alkali ions, ~~preferably calcium carbonate,~~ amylases, further decomposing agents, colourings, preservatives, anti-oxidants, physically ~~and/or~~ chemically modified biopolymers and vegetable polypeptides.

17. (Currently Amended) A shape body, in particular a soft capsule casing, manufactured from a mass according to claim 12 ~~and/or according to a method according to claim 1.~~

18. (Previously Amended) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 17, wherein the shape body has an elongation at rupture of at least 100% at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

19. (Previously Amended) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing according to claim 17, wherein the shape body at 25°C and 60% relative air humidity has a strength, σ_m , of at least

2 MPa.

20. (Previously Amended) A shape body according to claim 17, wherein the shape body is a soft capsule and that the capsule casing comprises a thickness in the region between 0.1 and 0.2 mm.

21. (Previously Amended) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 17, wherein the shape body consists of a multi-layered film and that at least two of the layers have a different chemical composition.

22. (Withdrawn from consideration)

23. (Previously added) A homogenised starch-containing mass according to claim 12 wherein the limiting viscosity index of the homogenised mass is at least 50 ml/g.

24. (Previously added) A homogenised starch-containing mass according to claim 12 wherein the limiting viscosity index of the homogenised mass is at least 60 ml/g.

25. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 15, wherein the mass contains glycerine monostearate and lecithin in a weight ratio of 1:1.2.

26. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 15, wherein the mass contains glycerine monostearate and lecithin in a weight ratio of 1:1.

27. (Previously added) A homogenised mass according to claim 16, wherein the mass additionally contains an aggregate in a weight range of 5% by weight to 8% by weight.

28. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 18, wherein the shape body has an elongation at rupture of at least 160% at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

29. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing, according to claim 18, wherein the shape body has an elongation at rupture of at least 240% at 25°C and 60% relative humidity.

30. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing according to claim 19, wherein the shape body at 25°C and 60% relative air humidity has a strength, σ_m , in the range of 3.5 MPa to 8 Mpa.

31. (Previously added) A shape body, in particular soft capsule casing according to claim 19, wherein the shape body at 25°C and 60% relative air humidity has a strength, σ_m , in the range of 4 MPa to 6.5 Mpa.

32. (Previously added) A shape body according to claim 20, wherein the shape body is a soft capsule and that the capsule casing comprises a thickness in the region between 0.2 and 0.6 mm.
